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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of the claims and any prior listing of the claims in the present application. The status of each claim is shown in parentheses.

In the following listing, Claims 1, 13 and 25 are currently amended. Claims 2–12, 14–24 and 26–30 remain as originally filed or as previously presented.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of presenting content to a user at a user location, the content transmitted to the user location from a source of contents, the method comprising:

creating a user profile based upon a plurality of inputs by a user, the user profile representing preference characteristics of the user;

maintaining the user profile at [[a]] the user location such that the user profile is inaccessible by the source of contents;

receiving at the user location a set of parameters defined for at least one content, the set of parameters originating from [[a]] the source of contents;

correlating the user profile with the set of parameters at the user location to determine whether parameters in the set of parameters match preference characteristics in the user profile; and

reporting a match from the user location to the source of contents when a sufficient number of the parameters match preference characteristics in the user profile.

Claim 2 (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the sufficient number indicates a minimum number of matches required to generate a report.

Claim 3 (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the sufficient number indicates a minimum percentage of matches required to generate a report.

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Claim 4 (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the parameters indicates that one or more selected parameters have more weight than other parameters.

Claim 5 (original): The method of Claim 1, further comprising selectively sending the content represented by the match to the user.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The method of Claim 5, further comprising receiving the content at the user location.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The method of Claim 6, further comprising storing the content at the user location for deferred presentation to the user.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The method of Claim 5, wherein the set of parameters represents a solicitation for a predetermined content and wherein the content is sent when a match has been reported.

Claim 9 (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein receiving the set of parameters includes receiving the content defined by the set of parameters.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The method of Claim 9, wherein reporting a match represents an acknowledgement that the user is likely to view the content.

Claim 11 (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the content is an advertisement.

Claim 12 (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the content has a predetermined format selected from a group consisting of text files, image files, audio files and video files.

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Claim 13 (currently amended): A method of selecting content for presentation to a user at a user location, the content transmitted to the user location from a source of contents, the method comprising:

creating a user profile based upon a plurality of inputs by a user, the user profile representing preference characteristics of the user;

maintaining the user profile at [[a]] the user location such that the user profile is inaccessible by the source of contents;

receiving at the user location a set of parameters defined for at least one content, the set of parameters originating from [[a]] the source of contents;

correlating the user profile at the user location with the set of parameters to determine whether parameters in the set of parameters match preference characteristics in the user profile;

generating a match signal when a sufficient number of the parameters match preference characteristics in the user profile; and

sending the match signal from the user location to the source of contents.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The method of Claim 13, wherein the source of contents stores the content defined by the set of parameters for selectively sending to the user location upon receipt of the match signal.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The method of Claim 13, further comprising receiving the content at the user location.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The method of Claim 14, further comprising storing the content at the user location for deferred presentation to the user.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The method of Claim 13, wherein the sufficient number indicates a minimum number of matches required to generate a report.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The method of Claim 13, wherein the sufficient number indicates a minimum percentage of matches required to generate a report.

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Claim 19 (previously presented): The method of Claim 13, wherein at least one of the parameters indicates that one or more selected parameters have more weight than other parameters.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The method of Claim 13, wherein the set of parameters represents a solicitation for a predetermined content and wherein the content is sent when the source of contents receives a match signal.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The method of Claim 13, wherein receiving the set of parameters includes receiving the content defined by the set of parameters.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The method of Claim 21, wherein sending a match signal represents an acknowledgement that the user is likely to view the content.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The method of Claim 13, wherein the content is an advertisement.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The method of Claim 13, wherein the content has a predetermined format selected from a group consisting of text files, image files, audio files and video files.

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Claim 25 (currently amended): A system for receiving and presenting content at a user location, the content transmitted to the user location from a source of contents, the system comprising:

a profiling agent configured to create a user profile based upon a plurality of inputs by a user, the user profile representing preference characteristics of the user;

a storage device coupled to the profiling agent and configured to store the user profile;

a receiver configured to receive a set of parameters defined for at least one content, the set of parameters originating from [[a]] the source of contents;

a processing module coupled to the receiver and the storage device, the processing module configured to correlate the user profile with the set of parameters to determine whether parameters in the set of parameters match preference characteristics in the user profile, and to generate a match signal when a sufficient number of the parameters match preference characteristics in the user profile, and wherein the processing module is configured to maintain the user profile to be inaccessible to the source of contents; and

a transmitter coupled to the processing module and configured to send the match signal to the source of contents which stores the content defined by the set of parameters.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The system of Claim 25, wherein the storage device is configured to further store the set of parameters.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The system of Claim 25, wherein the receiver is configured to further receive a content sent by the source of contents.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The system of Claim 25, wherein at least the profiling agent and the storage device are part of a digital video recorder.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The system of Claim 28, wherein the digital video recorder further includes the receiver and the processing module.

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Claim 30 (previously presented): The system of Claim 25, further comprising an output device to present the content to the user.